GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Mines and Minerals – Imposition of Consideration amount in Addition to the Seigniorage Fee, DMF and MERIT on Silica sand leaseholders – Orders – Issued.

INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE (M.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 21 Dated:25.03.2021

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No. 29, Ind. & Com. (Mines-II) Dept. dated 15.02.2017
2. From the Director of Mines & Geology, single file No: INC04-13027(44)/1/2021-D-8.

ORDER:

Government vide G.O.1st read above, have included a pre-emption clause to direct the lessees to sell minerals to the processing industries duly paying the Consideration Amount in addition to Seigniorage Fee, Contribution to DMF and MERIT to the State Government.

2. The DM&G, AP., in the single file 2nd read above, has stated that after award of contract by M/s APMDC, for working of Silica sand mining reserves in APMDC QL applied areas, it is learnt that even after the payment of consideration amount of Rs.212/-, the selected Raising-Cum-Sale contractor is able to make profits. Considering this as the fair market price, the levy of consideration amount to the existing leaseholders in addition to the existing Seigniorage Fee, Contribution to DMF and MERIT will inculcate fair competition in the market and further help in accumulation of funds for socio-economic development and welfare activities in the State and also to overcome prevalent scenario arise due to COVID-19 pandemic.

3. Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the DM&G, AP, in terms of orders issued vide GO 1st read above, hereby order that the Silica Sand leaseholders shall also pay Consideration Amount of Rs. 212/- per ton to the State Government in addition to the Seigniorage Fee, DMF and MERIT. The fund so collected shall be used for the following purposes:

i. to mitigate the impact of disaster and epidemic;
ii. to provide the rehabilitation/ employment of informal workforce;
iii. to create all such infrastructures in the field of Cottage / village Industries, MSME generating employment and mitigating the hardships caused due to loss of jobs due to the pandemic;
iv. to augment the existing health infrastructures;
v. to establish the community shelters / dormitories / kitchens/ food securities etc;
vi. to provide all such necessary help / logistic support for proper cultivation to the Agriculturist;
vii. to provide necessary logistic support for marketability of Agriculture produces;

viii. to provide all necessary assistance / support to all such informal workforce, casual / migrant workforce, persons, who suffered loss of employment or suffered pecuniary losses during this epidemic or and for all such other purposes as the Government may specify, from time to time in the State;

ix. to augment other welfare schemes in the State.

4. The Director of Mines & Geology, A.P., shall take necessary action accordingly in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To

The Director of Mines & Geology, AP, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada.
All the District Collectors in the State
The VC&MD, M/s APMDC Ltd, Kanur, Vijayawada.

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